

GREENLEE COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
CLIFTON, ARIZONA

May 5, 2015

The Greenlee County Board of Supervisors met on this date in regular session in the Board Meeting Room, 2nd floor Courthouse Annex, Clifton, Arizona, with the following members present: David Gomez, Chairman; Ron Campbell, Member; and Robert Corbell, Member. Also present were Deborah K. Gale, County Administrator, Derek Rapiere, County Attorney, and Yvonne Pearson, Clerk of the Board.

Chairman Gomez called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. and Supervisor Campbell led those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Daniel Cervantez, Clifton resident, responded to the Call to the Public and stated that he attended the latest Clifton School Board meeting and explained that his parents attended Clifton Schools and showed the Board a picture of his parents and stated that he understands that Freeport – McMoRan has good positive plans for those use of the Clifton School buildings.

The Board of Supervisors convened as the Board of Directors of the Greenlee County Public Health Services District and upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the Public Health Services District Consent Agenda as follows:

1. Clerk of the Board: Approval of Public Health Services District expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00

The Board reconvened into regular session.

Carol Telles, Clifton Ranger, Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, updated the Board on the following:

- The prescribed burn at Sunset has been completed with 5,500 acres burned.
- Permitting for outfitters and guides are being completed so more outfitters and guides will be seen along with additional forest law enforcement.
- Fencing around ponds is being completed to define areas so cattle can drink and the endangered frogs are still protected.
- Seasonal fire staffing is in place at Strayhorse where permanent quarters have been installed housing 10 a man crew.
- Summer students will be hired through the Workforce Connection program
- Ed Halloway is the new Alpine Ranger.
- Applicants for the Deputy Forest Supervisor are being reviewed.
- The Springerville district Ranger will be leaving.

The Board thanked Ms. Telles for the information.

Ákos Kovach, Economic Development Coordinator, updated the Board on the following:

- The World Class Customer Services session is complete with many persons receiving a Certificate. Town & Country Supply from Duncan had all their employees in attendance.
- The first eLearning event occurred with Greenlee County being recognized by Tucson and Phoenix as a partner.
- The April Chamber of Commerce Mixer was extremely successful with at least 70 persons in attendance from as far away as Graham County. The event was hosted by the Black Hills Catering which was also their grand opening.
- A meeting of the Greenlee County Fair & Racing Commission took place on April 29th with 40 persons in attendance. The next meeting will be held on June 10th in preparation for the upcoming fair.
- Morenci Schools is holding a job shadowing event for students on Tuesday, May 12th.
- Friends of the Library will meet on May 13th.
- A Homerun Derby will be held on May 14th.

Philip Ronnerud, County Engineer, requested approval of the Airport Drainage and Sediment Collection improvements with the Federal Aeronautics Agency (FAA) in an amount not to exceed \$494,100 to be paid with budgeted grant funds. He stated that the project will be completed using in-house personnel and should be complete in about six months. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Ms. Gale requested approval of finance quotes for the financing of ten (10) vehicles and one (1) tractor purchased in fiscal year 2015 recommending accepting the proposal from National Bank of Arizona through Zions First National Bank with the lower interest rates. Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board approved the request as presented.

Ms. Gale reported the following:

- Todd Madeska with County Supervisors Association has accepted a job with Coconino County. The Board expressed appreciation for his hard work and dedication to the Association.

The Calendar Events was reviewed.

Upon motion by Supervisor Campbell, seconded by Supervisor Corbell, and carried unanimously, the Board tabled item (I) of the Consent Agenda and approved the remaining items as follows:

- A. Clerk of the Board: Approval of minutes to previous meeting – 04/21/2015

- B. Clerk of the Board: Approval of expense warrants in excess of \$1,000.00 – Voucher 1061; 1062
- C. Chief Finance Officer: Approval of general fund loans in the amount of \$\$195,533.15 to be reimbursed upon receipt of funds: Fund 139 - \$341.29; Fund 145 - \$431.93; Fund 152 - \$3,065.55; Fund 167 - \$100.90; Fund 186 - \$3,894.39; Fund 195 - \$1,935.51; Fund 219 - \$1,433.25; Fund 222 - \$103,737.69; Fund 237 - \$218.59; Fund 800 - \$80,374.05
- D. County Sheriff: Approval of Resolution 15-05-01 to update signatures on the Sheriff's Department checking account with National Bank of Arizona
- E. Clerk of the Board: Approval of Resolution 15-04-01 to add signatures to the Greenlee County FSA Account with National Bank of Arizona
- F. Chief Probation Officer: Approval of fiscal year 2015/2016 Arizona Supreme Court Juvenile Justice Services Division, Family Counseling Program Resolution in the amount of \$1,108.00 required matching funding to be paid with Probation General Funds
- G. County Administrator: Adoption of Resolution 15-05-02 supporting the "Stepping Up" Initiative to reduce the number of people with mental illnesses in jails
- H. Undersheriff: Approval to purchase two (2) Tasers in an amount not to exceed \$5,394.06 to be paid with budgeted Governor's Office of Highway Safety DUI grant funds
- I. Justice of the Peace, District 2: Tabled request of Point & Pay Contract to allow online and over-the-counter debit & credit card payments at the Justice of the Peace, District 2 office with no cost to the County.

Supervisor Corbell reported the following:

- A. He attended the University of Arizona Cooperative Extension Predation Reduction Strategy meeting where discussion took place regarding southern ranchers in Greenlee County, the jaguar and lion problem, and the possibility of a reduction of hunting permits. He stated that he suggested revising trapping laws to allow ranchers to trap on their own property.

Supervisor Gomez reported the following:

- A. He attended the Eastern Arizona College Greenlee County Advisory Committee meeting which was well attended and where discussion regarding the enrollment took place. Enrollment is down over the past three years. The college extension courses contract will remain at \$35,000.00. Supervisor Campbell stated that Morenci Schools will have six students graduate from Eastern Arizona College before they are graduating from high school.

The Board convened into fiscal year 2015/2016 Budget Work Session. Ms. Gale reviewed the following:

- Revenues

- Payment in Lieu of Taxes is expected to be funded for the current year but recommended that a lower amount be budgeted for next year due to uncertainty of appropriation by Congress.
- Secure Rural Schools appropriation has been fully funded and is re-authorized for next year. Ms. Gale will bring a distribution plan back to the Board for approval when funding is received.
- Highway User Revenue Funds (HURF) estimates received from the state seem high. Ms. Gale is confirming the amount that has been determined and will bring back to the Board.
- Ms. Gale is also confirming the estimated amount of state shared sales tax she has received from the Department of Revenue.
- The state shared sales tax revenues and County ½ cent sales tax revenues were reviewed.
- County contributions for AHCCCS and long term care were reviewed
- Property valuation and tax rates and levies were reviewed with discussion regarding the increase of Public Health Services District and Flood Control District taxes.
- Expenditure Limitation calculations were reviewed.
- Funding sources for the Health Department were reviewed.
- Ms. Gale reviewed equipment purchase requests of the Ambulance Service.
- Ms. Gale presented travel reimbursement rates for the Board to consider.

Philip Ronnerud, Count Engineer, presented the Board with information regarding upcoming Airport projects including a drainage project, a capital improvement program including exploring a new runway, replacement of the Automatic Weather Observation System (AWOS) which is out dated and has reached end of life. He discussed the next phase of floodplain mapping in the Apache Creek area, a roads planning assistance for rural area study, bridge load testing, and a grant for landfill recycling to include personnel training and closing.

Mr. Ronnerud also presented the Board with a preliminary job description for a Planner position in his department.

There being no further business to come before the Board of Supervisors, the meeting was adjourned at 1:16 p.m.

APPROVED: /s/ David Gomez, Chairman

ATTEST: /s/ Yvonne Pearson
Clerk of the Board